

**ABSTRACT**

A novel method for sealing a plastic closure to a container flange using an elastomeric gasket. A plurality of annular sealing bands are positioned on the diametric sealing surface of the closure on which the gasket rests. As the closure is threaded into the container, the annular sealing bands become embedded within the gasket to improve the seal and overcome the negative sealing effects of the parting line flash present on the closure portion of the seal gland as a result of the manufacturing process.

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